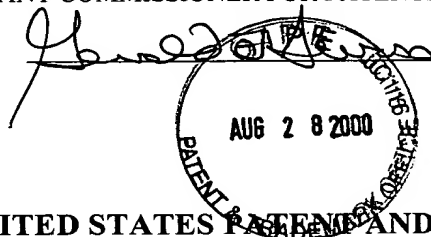


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**REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 18, 2000, for the above-referenced patent application. The Office Action set a 30 day period for response. A petition requesting a three (3) month extension of time accompanies this reply and, therefore, this response is being filed on or before its current due date of August 18, 2000. In response to the Office Action, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

In the Claims:

In Claim 7, line 3, delete "R<sup>1</sup>-SO<sub>2</sub>-NR<sub>2</sub>-CHR<sup>3</sup>-CHR<sup>5</sup>-CO<sub>2</sub>H" and replace with --R<sup>1</sup>-SO<sub>2</sub>-NR<sup>2</sup>-CHR<sup>3</sup>-CHR<sup>5</sup>-CO<sub>2</sub>H--.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in this application. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in light of following remarks.

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